

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning, Attorney, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order and lead the everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Minutes of the August 11th, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

Minutes of the budget hearing of September 2, 1009 were approved on a motion by John Pavey, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

#### **BUDGET FIRST READING**

Each department was given the opportunity to present their individual budget(s) to the council for the budget year 2010.

#### **EMA**

Approved transfers on the following:

- \$500.00 from 1-29-4-3 (Misc Equipment) into 1-29-3-6 (Vehicle Maintenance) approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.
- \$1,000.00 from 1-29-4-4 (Emergency Operations) into 1-29-3-6 (Vehicle Maintenance) approved on a motion by Jerry Kent, seconded by John Pavey. Motion carried
- \$1,000.00 from 1-29-2-2 (Training Supplies) into 1-29-3-6 (Vehicle Maintenance) approved on a motion by John Pavey, seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.
- \$1,144.00 from 1-29-4-1 (Radio) into 1-29-3-6 (Vehicle Maintenance) approved on a motion by Jerry Kent, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

#### **SURVEYOR**

Marvin Rees approached the council regarding his request for available county general money to be provided to the drain improvement fund. Rees asked the council to consider a newer vehicle for him to utilize in the future.

Phil Gordon, local land owner, discussed the necessity of a reconstruction fund. Gordon explained that the fund is a revolving account and the drainage stays with the individual project. Gordon finished by noting that the county has one hundred year old tiles that need addressed.

#### **CORONER**

Ann Moster, Coroner, informed the council that the lease for the van will be completed February 10<sup>th</sup>. The council advised Moster to check into a buy out for the coroner vehicle.

## **RECESS**

At 11:45am the council recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:15pm

## **COMMISSIONER**

Discussion was held to consider a hiring freeze along with the replacement of vacant positions with Commissioner Ken Masters. Discussion was also held regarding the ambulance funding and employee health care.

## **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, reported that bridge replacement cost have increased due to state standards changing.

Sitton encouraged the council to consider adopting the maximum rate for Cum Bridge along with the maximum rates for surtax and wheel tax.

Sitton reported that due to funding, he was not seeking a wage increase for highway employees for 2010. Sitton noted that wage increases were also not given for the current year 2009.

## **WAGES AND SALARIES**

Discussion was held regarding salary and wage increases for employees. Due to the necessary budget cuts in the current 2009 and the proposed 2010 budgets the council consensus was to not allow any salary increases for the year 2010.

Councilman John Pavey made the motion to approve the first reading of the budgets, seconded by Gerald Mohr. Motion carried.

## **RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, presented the 2010 budget for the county council to review and adopt.

Councilman Jerry Kent made the motion to approve the first reading of the Rush County Solid Waste District 2010 budget. John Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURN BUDGET HEARINGS**

Gerald Mohr made the motion to adjourn the meeting until 9:00 am Thursday, September 17. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

The Rush County Council met for the second reading of the budget, Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 9:00 am with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning Attorney and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance.

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Chet Walker, Director of the Boys and Girls Club, reported on the funding and activities of the Boys and Girls Club. Walker reported that the club is currently ahead of the 2008 sponsorships and they are continuing to build and increase the base.

### **SHERIFF**

The council asked Jeff Sherwood to look into purchasing two (2) vehicles from the 2009 budget and to look into purchasing two (2) deputies road vehicles from the 2010 budget. Sherwood was also encouraged to look at finding a newer vehicle for the Surveyor.

### **COUNTY EXTENSION**

John Pavey made the motion to correct a clerical error for appropriation 1-12-3-6 (Contract/Agent) of the proposed budget to reflect \$39,060.00 Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ELECTION**

Gerald Mohr made the motion to increase appropriation 1-16-3-4 (Services Maintenance) to reflect \$20,000.00 and to reduce appropriation 1-16-4-1 (Computer Update) to zero. John Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **CIRCUIT COURT**

Catherine Custer will be paid the proposed \$26,962 from Juvenile Probation User Fees (Fund #27) for the 2010 budget year, instead of the proposed Circuit Court budget.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Bruce Levi reported that Chief Public Defender Bryan Barrett will not be submitting CHINS claims

### **EMA**

Discussion was held surrounding a county grant writer. The council will encourage the commissioners to look into a grant writer where their fees are part of the grant.

Bruce Levi made the motion to reduce appropriation 1-29-1-2 (Deputy Director) from the proposed full-time position receiving \$30,000.00 to receiving \$25,000.00. The motion died for the lack of a second.

John Pavey made the motion to reduce the proposed full-time position of Deputy Director (appropriation 1-29-1-2) to remain a part-time position and receive \$1,000.00 monthly. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. John Pavey, Gerald Mohr and Bruce Levi voted Aye. Warren Norris, Jerry Kent and Kevin Spilman voted Ney. Chairman Norman Winkler casted the tie breaking “Nay” votes.

Jerry Kent made the motion to bring the EMA Deputy Director Appropriation (1-29-1-2) to a zero dollar amount. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Voting Aye were Jerry Kent, Kevin Spilman and Warren Norris. Voting Nay were Bruce Levi, Gerald Mohr, John Pavey. Chairman Norman Winkler casted the tie breaking “Aye” votes.

### **REASSESSMENT**

John Pavey made the motion to increase the mileage appropriation (99-1000-3-2) by \$300.00. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the Rush County Solid Waste Budget as amended. Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Pavey made the motion to approve and sign the Second reading of the Rush County Solid Waste District budget. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **RECESS**

At 12:15 Jerry Kent made the motion to recess until 2:00pm. John Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **E.D.I.T.**

The council reduced the Economic Development appropriation (105-1000-3-3) to match the City of Rushville contribution of \$65,000.00

### **E-911**

Discussion was held regarding the E-911 rate. County attorney Leigh Morning informed all that the E-911 rate was at its maximum rate

### **AMBULANCE**

Discussion was held regarding the setting up of a committee to investigate future funding of RMH ambulance

### **2010 SALARIES , WAGES & BUDGET**

Jerry Kent made the motion for the 2010 salaries to remain the same as for the current 2009 budget year, with the exception of Merit deputies who will receive their various specialty pay increases, and that all part-time employees will continue to receive the hourly rate of \$10.50. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve the entire 2010 budget as amended. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Pavey made the motion to approve Resolution 2009 - Budget Reductions for the 2009 budget year cuts of \$460,521.98 Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Gerald Mohr made the motion to grant further 2009 and 2010 budget cuts as needed. Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried

John Pavey made the motion to approve and sign the second reading of the 2010 budget form 4. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Gerald Mohr, Kevin Spilman seconded the motion, motion carried.

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Norman Winkler, Chairman

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